

## KERANTHA POOLE-CHRISTIAN

The Clerk called the Senate bill (S. 302) for the relief of Karantha Poole-Christian.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the Senate bill as follows:

S. 302

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. CLASSIFICATION AS A CHILD UNDER THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—In the administration of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Kerantha Poole-Christian shall be classified as a child within the meaning of section 101(b)(1)(E) of such Act, upon approval of a petition filed on her behalf by Clifton or Linette Christian, citizens of the United States, pursuant to section 204 of such Act.

(b) LIMITATION.—No natural parent, brother, or sister, if any, of Kerantha Poole-Christian shall, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This concludes the call of the Private Calendar.

**THE 23 FUND KEEPING ALIVE THE MEMORY OF RAMIRO "TOTI" MENDEZ**

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, baseball continues to be Americans' favorite pastime. Young boys who favor this sport dream of playing for their college teams.

This dream came true for Ramiro Mendez, warmly known as Toti to his teammates, his family and friends. He was number 23 for Florida International University's baseball team until the day he succumbed to a rare heart disease.

Little is known about this heart problem, which is oftentimes not found until it is too late. Toti's family is working to pass legislation in Florida that would make heart tests mandatory for student physical exams.

In an effort to keep his memory alive, Toti's family and friends have established the 23 Fund for tuition assistance for other student athletes at Florida International University.

On October 19, FIU and the AXA Foundation will raise scholarship funds to memorialize Toti and the hundreds of other athletes who have been affected by this heart ailment.

Toti will continue to live in the spirit of his family, his teammates and all of us who were privileged to know him.

**TRIBUTE TO KRISTY KOWAL**

(Mr. HOLDEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask all of my colleagues in the House to join me in paying tribute to my constituent, Kristy Kowal. Kristy recently won the silver medal in the Woman's 200 Meter Breaststroke at the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

Kristy, the daughter of two very proud parents, Edward and Donna Kowal, is a resident of Colony Park, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of Wilson High School.

She is a 21-year-old all-American from the University of Georgia and holds three American records in swimming.

As impressive as that may sound, Kristy says she is most proud of the fact that she is also an academic all-American. Her major is education, because her mother is a teacher, and like her mother, Kristy wants to be able to influence people and make a difference in their lives.

As Kristy traveled to Australia to compete in this year's Olympics, the many flags and banners displayed around the Colony Park community are a testament to the pride and support that Kristy has in the community.

To be specific, there were 365 flags and 30 banners displayed on homes, area businesses, and schools. We are also proud of her accomplishments at Sydney. Kristy, congratulations on a job well done.

**BOLSTERING OUR MILITARY FORCES**

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, the first responsibility of government is to protect and defend the American citizens from threats. To meet this responsibility, the United States must maintain a modern, highly skilled and well-trained military force.

As a veteran of both the Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars, I am very proud of this Republican-led Congress that remains committed to rebuilding and strengthening our military and to treating our troops with the respect that they deserve.

In addition to bolstering America's military readiness, this Republican-led Congress is working to provide a better quality of life for our servicemen and women.

We are working to ensure sure that no U.S. serviceman or woman will ever have to rely on food stamps just to feed their family. Again, this Republican-led Congress is committed to providing our military members, both current and past, with quality health care service.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the accomplishments of this Republican-led

Congress, and I am proud of all the men and women who have served and sacrificed for their country in our military service.

**ISSUES ON CHINA**

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. It is a proven fact, China has missiles pointed at America. China bought submarines and attack aircraft from Russia. China has spied on America. China has illegally purchased American secrets, and China is now taking \$100 billion a year in cash out of our economy in sweetheart trade deals. If that is not enough to smell the gun powder, a Chinese spokesman announced, and I quote, Cuba is our Communist ally and China will now embrace Castro.

Beam me up. Let me caution Members, China has more soldiers than America has citizens. I yield back both the treason of Janet Reno and the blindness of the Congress of the United States of America.

**MEDIA TILTS LEFT**

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the evidence is mounting that the media tilts left. In its recent poll, "Editor and Publisher" magazine found that two-thirds of newspaper readers feel that AL GORE receives preferential treatment. Most revealing, two-thirds of the newspaper readers who consider themselves independents also said there is bias favoring AL GORE.

It is no surprise that over half of George Bush's supporters says there is press bias, compared to less than a third of AL GORE's supporters.

Media bias is dangerous to our democracy. It prevents the American people from getting the facts, and if we do not have the facts, we cannot make good decisions. We should help the media remember that their job is to give us fair, objective, and impartial news reports.

No one should play games with the people's right to know the facts. The media should give us the news straight.

**U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE CYBERSMUGGLING CENTER**

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Yesterday I participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new location of the U.S. Customs Service Cybersmuggling Center. Child pornography was a worldwide industry that was all but eradicated in